

POTOMAC HEADWATERS RC&D

Annual RC&D Sponsors Report

March 2008

This year has been an active one for the Potomac Headwaters RC&D Council. With the council's first new Coordinator in fifteen years starting in February 2007 some changes were expected to take place. However, with help from the Council Administrator, Olga Adams, a smooth transition is occurring. RC&D Coordinator, Rebecca MacLeod, reports that it is the best job she has ever had.

Potomac Headwaters RC&D is dedicated to providing assistance for worthy projects that may have no other champions. Whether it is helping provide a safe walking trail at the Jordan Run Ruritan Club, helping fund the construction of a new ball field in Baker, or providing

administrative help to the Opequon Creek Project Team, PHRC&D is ready to help.

Over the last year Potomac Headwaters dedicated itself to updating its record keeping activities: a new accounting system, full financial review and non-profit activities oversight by Martinsburg accounting firm, Louis T. Young and Co., and an overhaul of project record keeping and reporting.

Upgrading administrative and project management methods will enable the council to manage its administrative activities efficiently. This will be especially important as PHRC&D begins the development of its new five year plan in summer of 2008.

We are Working on these New Projects

- ◆ Potomac Heritage Corridor: a regional approach to celebrate the early technological advances that brought settlers to the region.
- ◆ North River Mills Restoration
- ◆ Williams Street Playground
- ◆ Wetland Restoration in the Sleepy Creek Watershed.
- ◆ Brighton Park Trail
- ◆ Improving Local Farm access to Institutions
- ◆ Hampshire High Veterinarian Sciences

Source Water Protection Planning

During the summer of 2007 the Morgan County Rural Water Committee (RWC) continued with its seven year effort to better understand the water resources of the county. As more is learned, it becomes clear that it is critical to protect from excessive withdrawal and from potential contamination to secure long term sustainability of water supplies.

Three teams of citizens met

throughout the summer under the guidance of the RWC. We are proud of the thirty-five individuals that put in over 300 hours researching their topics. PHRC&D coordinated a public information workshop and the compilation of committee reports.

A final report will be published in spring of 2008. An informational booklet for homeowners is also planned.



A SPRING FLOWS INTO THE CACAPON RIVER .



**PHRC&D Council Members**

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What is RC&D

Potomac Headwaters Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Region was incorporated in 1969 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The council was created through the sponsorship of the eight County Commissions of the Eastern Panhandle, the Potomac Valley and the Eastern Panhandle Conservation Districts, and the US Department of Agriculture. Potomac Headwaters RC&D assists citizens, community organizations, and local government with the implementation of projects that improve and enhance the social, economic, and environmental conditions of the region.

The Council is governed by a board appointed by the sponsors and employs a Council Administrator to handle finances and other tasks. A USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service employee is assigned to the Council to provide technical guidance and support for projects approved by the Council.



DRY HYDRANT INSTALLATION IMPROVES RURAL FIRE SAFETY. PH RC&D COORDINATED A STATE-WIDE GRANT WITH 43 HYDRANTS INSTALLED USING A \$43,000 GRANT TO MATCH \$31,000 CASH DONATIONS AND OVER \$40,000 OF IN-KIND SERVICES PROVIDED BY LOCALS AND NRCS.



PH RC&D IS PROUD TO BE WORKING WITH THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS OF WV IN IDENTIFYING AND FUNDING PROJECTS THAT OFFER TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND JOB SKILLS TRAINING FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EASTERN PANHANDLE.



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Helping People Help the Land

Potomac Headwaters RC&D is organized under the authority of the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. The link to USDA's technical assistance agency provides a strong framework of finding workable solutions for resource based issues.

A successful project starts with the commitment of individuals with a desire to improve their neighborhood or community. If the RC&D Council adopts the project, help is offered through technical information, administrative support, grant-seeking, and funding. PHRC&D delivers solid technical information and help that identifies solutions and opportunities.

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PHRC&D's Mission

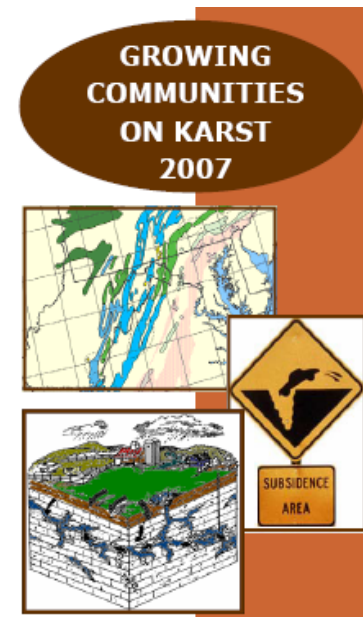
For nearly 40 years Potomac Headwaters RC&D has helped with the conservation of natural resources and community development in the Eastern Panhandle. The mission of PHRC&D is the enhancement of the quality of life in the Potomac Headwaters Region through:

Land and soil conservation that minimizes resource depletion;

Water management activities that provide flood mitigation, protect supplies, and improve water quality;

Land management, specifically the protection of agricultural land from conversion to other uses; and the protection of fish and wildlife habitats;

Community development projects that improve energy conservation, health and education facilities; increase recreation opportunities, address food security, rural water, and waste disposal systems, and provide sustainable economic development to rural and under-served areas.



PHRC&D PARTNERS WITH WVDEP TO SPONSOR A WELL ATTENDED FORUM THAT BRINGS DEVELOPERS, ENGINEERS, SCIENTISTS, AND COMMUNITY PLANNERS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS LAND USE.

FY07 Financial Summary (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007)

Assets		Liabilities	
Operating Funds and Grants from Sponsors	\$16,600	Project Costs	\$45,585.7
Grants from State Government	\$24,996	Administrative Costs Paid This Year	\$9,609
Grants from Federal Government	\$17,495	Employment Costs Paid This Year	\$10,366
Program Income (Karst)	\$3,214		
Interest Earned	\$711		
Administrative/Employment Funds From FY06	\$9,248	Administrative/Employment Funds Carried to FY08	\$4,271
General Funds Carried Forward From FY06	\$5,789	General Funds Carried Forward to FY08	\$1,251
Allocated Project Funds Carried Over From FY06	\$40,417	Obligated Project Funds Carried Forward to FY08	\$47,388
TOTAL	\$118,470	TOTAL	\$118,470



Project Activity in 2007

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TOOLS FOR RATIONAL LAND AND
WATER MANAGEMENT DECISIONS.



(Financial Assistance, Grant Writing, or Administration)	Budgeted	Expended
Riverside Park Construction	\$2500	\$0
Acid Mine Drainage Remediation Plan	\$2,000	\$439
Appalachian Grazing Conference - 2007	\$1,000	\$1,000
Baker Park Ball Field Construction	\$5,000	\$5,000
Barnum Rail Trail Extension	\$2,500	\$0
Bayard Veterans Memorial Park Playground	\$3,500	\$0
Boggs Mill Rehabilitation	\$5,000	\$0
Dry Hydrant Statewide Grant	\$18,000	\$15,204
DuPont Soccer Fields Green Parking Maintenance	\$3,485	\$0
Envirothon	\$500	\$500
Potomac Water Watch	\$1,200	\$654
Farmer Producer Meetings - 2007	\$1,000	\$1,000
Forum for Rural Innovation	\$500	\$500
Halltown African American Schoolhouse Restoration	\$3,000	\$0
Farm Day Tour 2007	\$1,000	\$1,000
Karst Workshop - 2007	\$8,000	\$4,200
Mill Meadow Park Trail	\$1,500	\$25
Source Water Protection Plan	\$2,000	\$52
Morgan Underground Tank Inventory	\$300	\$0
North Fork Ruritan Trail Enhancements	\$2,000	\$2,000
Opequon Creek Project Team Assistance	\$5,321	\$5,321
Poultry Litter Hotline	\$2,650	\$664
Romney Trail Planning	\$1,500	\$0
Jefferson Ag Development Office	\$7,732	\$4,000
Farmers Market Feasibility Study	\$10,000	\$5,000
Bath Streetscapes - Warm Springs Run Trail	\$1,000	\$0
Watershed Education Initiative	\$42,000	\$42,000
Whitings Neck - Streambank Stabilization	\$5,000	\$5,000

Additional Technical Assistance Provided in 2007

Williams Street Playground
Morgan Courthouse Energy Advisory Group
WV Farmers Market Association Formation
Warm Springs Run Watershed Assessment
Morgan County Softball Complex Drainage
War Memorial Streambank Planting Plan

Spring Mills Library - Soils and Geology
Wetland Determinations
Farmland Protection Soil Mapping
Potomac Heritage Corridor Area Planning
Purple Loosestrife Task Force Inventories
Eidolon Trail Mapping